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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Funding due to Regional Differences in the Cost of Education**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that the fiscal year 2005 State budget include a certain
4 sum to reflect regional differences in the cost of education that are due to certain
5 factors; delaying, for a certain period of time, the requirement that a certain cost
6 of education index be developed and implemented; making this Act an
7 emergency measure; and generally relating to funding for education based on
8 regional differences in the cost of education.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Education
11 Section 5-202(f)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article - Education**

17 5-202.

18 (f) (1) For fiscal year 2004, the State share of the foundation program shall
19 be adjusted to reflect regional differences in the cost of education that are due to
20 factors outside the control of local jurisdictions, by increasing the State share of the
21 foundation program otherwise determined for the following counties by:

22 (i) 1% for Anne Arundel County;

23 (ii) 3% for Baltimore City;

24 (iii) 3% for Howard County; and

1 (iv) 4% for Montgomery County.

2 (2) (I) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005, THE STATE BUDGET SHALL INCLUDE
3 \$47,400,000 TO REFLECT REGIONAL DIFFERENCES IN THE COST OF EDUCATION THAT
4 ARE DUE TO FACTORS OUTSIDE THE CONTROL OF LOCAL JURISDICTIONS.

5 (II) For fiscal year [2005] 2006 and each fiscal year thereafter, the
6 State share of the foundation program shall be adjusted to reflect regional differences
7 in the cost of education that are due to factors outside the control of local jurisdictions,
8 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS
9 SUBSECTION.

10 (3) The Department shall contract with a private entity to conduct a
11 study to:

12 (i) Develop a Maryland specific geographic cost of education index
13 to be implemented no later than fiscal year [2005] 2006; and

14 (ii) Provide recommendations as to how the index should be used to
15 adjust State education funding.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an
17 emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health
18 or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the
19 members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take
20 effect from the date it is enacted.